

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or in [[double brackets]] if the deletion would be difficult to see.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Renumbered per 37 CFR 1.126

1-16. (Cancelled)

Claims 17-22 (text not provided, canceled via the Examiner's Amendment.
See claims filed 1/31/2006.)

23.

~~17.~~ (Currently amended) A stacking column for holding warehouse items on support arms of ratchet levers which pivot around a rotational axis from a resting position into a working position, the stacking column comprising a plurality of ratchet levers that are located adjacent to one another and co-operate with one another, wherein a supporting element rotates with each ratchet lever of the plurality of ratchet levers and lies on or against an underlying ratchet lever in the working position, wherein, for each ratchet lever and supporting ing element~~lever~~ of the plurality of ratchet levers and supporting ing elements~~levers~~, the supporting ing element~~lever~~ is either integral with the ratchet lever at the rotational axis or the supporting ing element~~lever~~ is independently secured to the rotational axis as a separate part from the ratchet lever, each ratchet lever of the plurality of ratchet levers further comprising at least one control arm on an opposing end relative to a support arm, the control arm including a lateral cheek which projects upwardly from the control arm, the lateral cheek contacting a spacer ring of an overlying ratchet lever in the working position, the spacer ring being positioned around the rotational axis.

~~24~~ 18. (Previously presented) The stacking column of claim 17, wherein the warehouse items comprise bodywork parts.

~~25~~ 19. (Cancelled)

~~26~~ 20. (Currently amended) The stacking column according to claim 17[[19]], wherein **the lateral cheek comprises** [[a]]sheet metal ~~lateral cheek projects upwardly from the control arm in the working position, the sheet metal lateral cheek abutting the rotational axis of an overlying ratchet lever in the working position.~~

~~27~~ 21. (Withdrawn) The stacking column according claim 17, wherein the supporting element forms a foot, to which a lateral bolt of the preceding ratchet lever is allocated.

~~28~~ 22. (Withdrawn) The stacking column according to claim 17, wherein the supporting element is positively joined with the ratchet lever.

~~29~~ 23. (Previously presented) The stacking column according to claim 17, wherein each of the plurality of ratchet levers has a guide tongue which extends toward an overlying ratchet lever, the guide tongue abutting a face of the supporting element of the overlying ratchet lever in the working position.

- ~~30~~ 24. (Previously presented) The stacking column according to claim 23, wherein the guide tongue is at least partially upwardly directed.
- ~~31~~ 25. (Previously presented) The stacking column according to claim 23, wherein the guide tongue is at least partially curved.
- ~~32~~ 26. (Withdrawn) The stacking column according to claim 17, comprising a latching device allocated to the uppermost ratchet lever, the latching device having a slider with at least one bolt or the like passing through at least one parallel, curved elongated hole, wherein a bolt presses on the uppermost ratchet lever in the latching position.
- ~~33~~ 27. (Withdrawn) The stacking column according to claim 26, wherein the slider can be fixed in place by means of a tie bolt in or outside the latching position.
- ~~34~~ 28. (Cancelled)
- ~~35~~ 29. (Withdrawn) The stacking column according to claim 17, comprising at least some ratchet levers that each has allocated to it a spring that moves the respective ratchet lever into the resting position.
- ~~36~~ 30. (Withdrawn) The stacking column according to claim 29, wherein the springs are arranged on a spring rack.

~~37-41~~ 31-35. (Cancelled)

~~42~~ 36. (Currently amended) A stacking column for holding warehouse items on support arms of ratchet levers which pivot around a rotational axis from a resting position into a working position, the stacking column comprising a plurality of ratchet levers that are located adjacent to one another, wherein each ratchet lever of the plurality of ratchet levers comprises a support arm, a control arm on an opposing end relative to the support arm, the control arm comprising an upwardly projecting lateral cheek, and a supporting element that rotates with each ratchet lever of the plurality of ratchet levers and lies on or against an underlying ratchet lever in the working position, wherein the support arm, the control arm, and the supporting element comprise a folded sheet metal blank, or the supporting element is secured to the rotational axis as a separate part, the upwardly projecting lateral cheek contacting a spacer ring of an overlying ratchet lever in the working position, the spacer ring being positioned around the rotational axis.

~~43~~ 37. (Currently amended) A stacking column for holding warehouse items on support arms of ratchet levers which pivot around a rotational axis from a resting position into a working position, the stacking column comprising a plurality of ratchet levers that are located adjacent to one another and co-operate with one another, wherein each ratchet lever of the plurality of ratchet levers comprises a supporting element that rotates with each ratchet lever of the plurality of ratchet levers and lies on or against an underlying ratchet lever in the working position, and wherein each ratchet lever of

the plurality of ratchet levers also comprises a control arm on an opposing end
relative to a support arm, the control arm comprising an upwardly projecting
lateral cheek, wherein the upwardly projecting lateral cheek ~~a portion of the control~~
~~arm abuts~~ contacts a spacer ring of an overlying ratchet lever in the working
position, the spacer ring being positioned around the rotational axis ~~of an overlying~~
~~ratchet lever in the working position.~~